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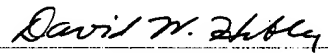
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: FIBRONECTIN BINDING PROTEIN COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE- Magnus Höök et al. (TAMUS:983)*

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 184-page patent specification including 53 claims and an abstract. Also included are informal Drawings for Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B,, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5A, 5B, 6-7, 8A, 8B, 9A, 9B,10-12, 13A, 13B, 13C, 14A, 14B, 15-16, which represent 16 drawings on 16 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Magnus Höök, Joseph M. Patti, Karen L. House-Pompeo, Pietro Speziale, Danny Joh and Martin J. McGavin for the captioned application.

Also transmitted herewith is a diskette containing the computer-readable form of those sequences in the specification, a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), and a separate paper copy of the sequence listing.

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